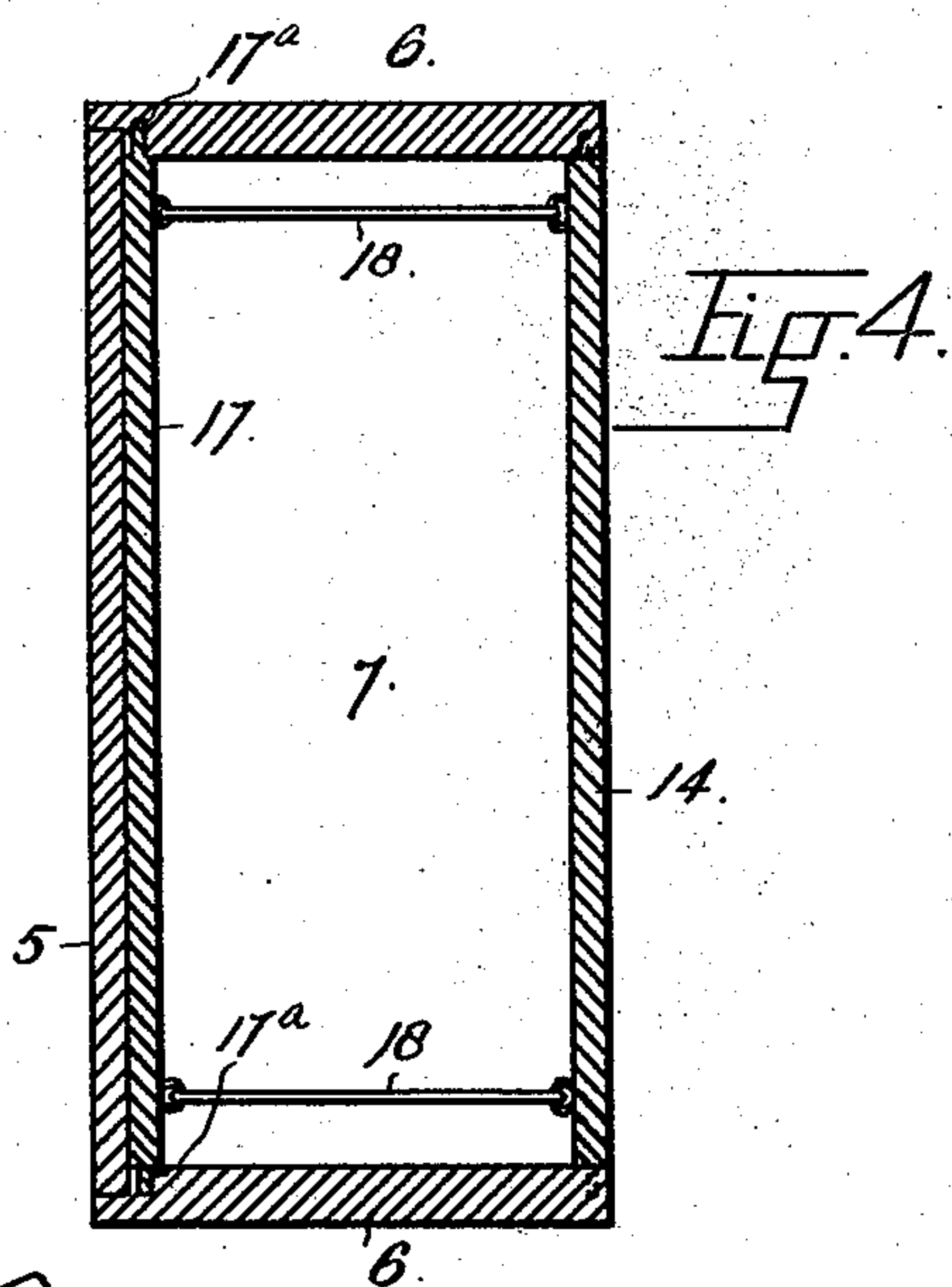
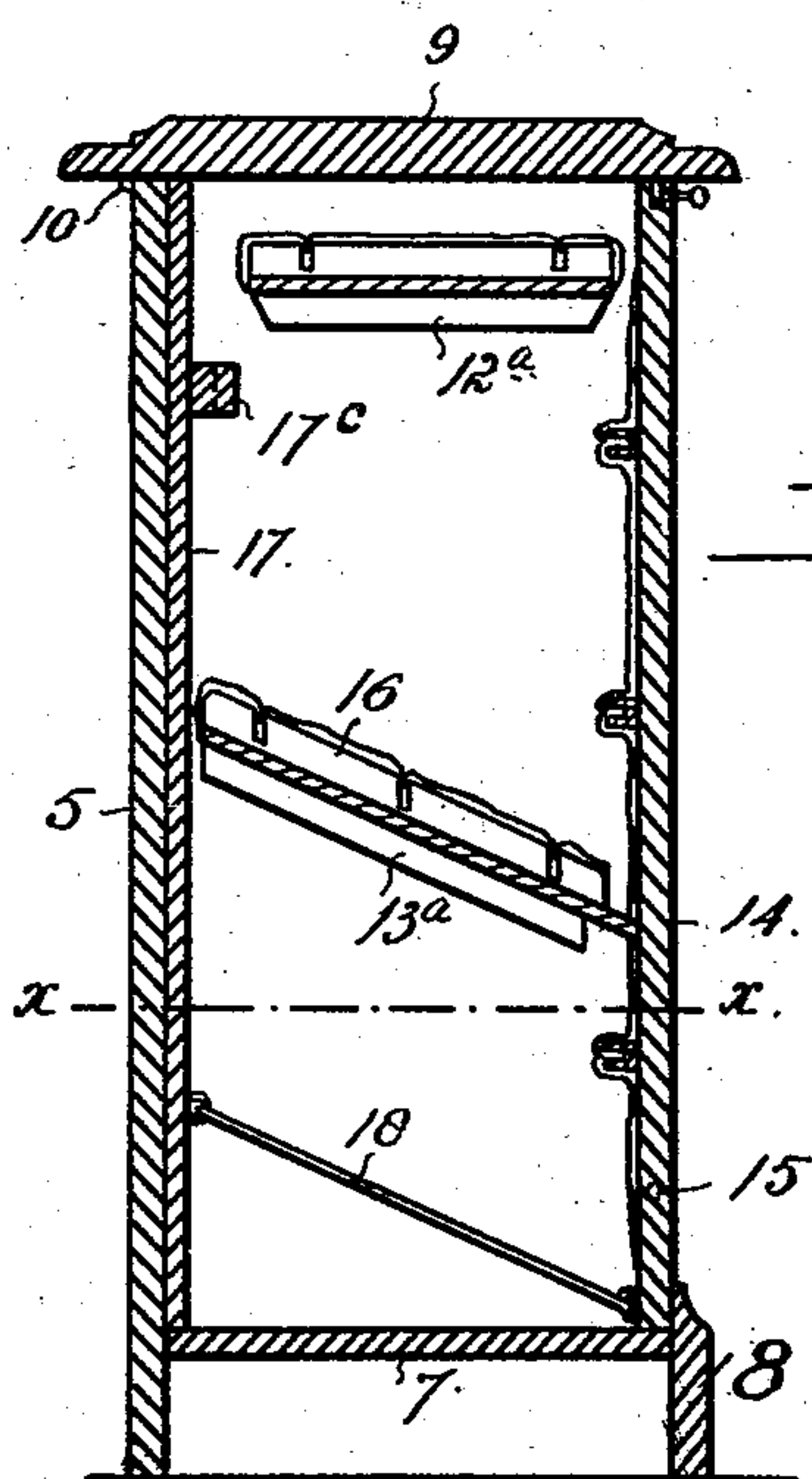
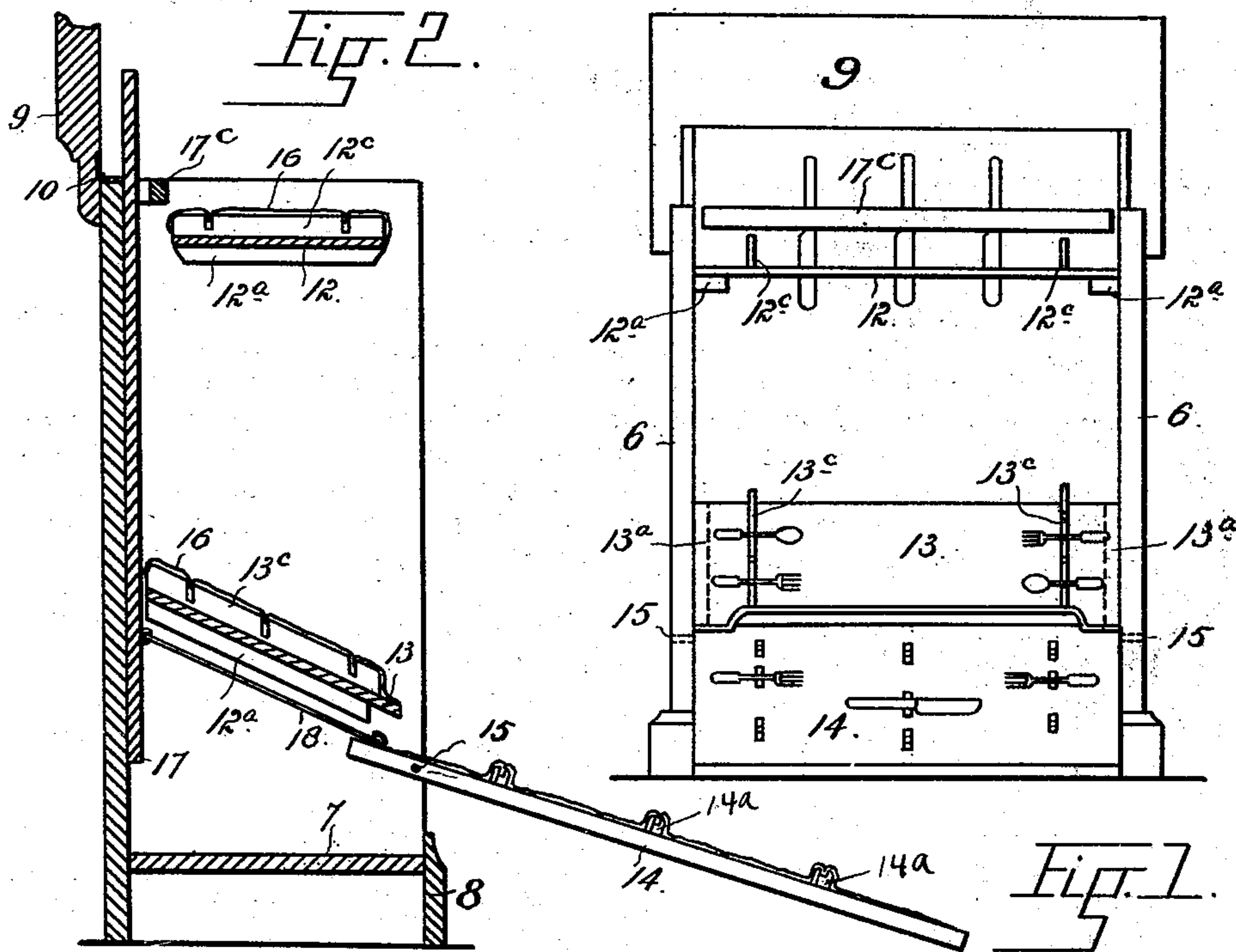


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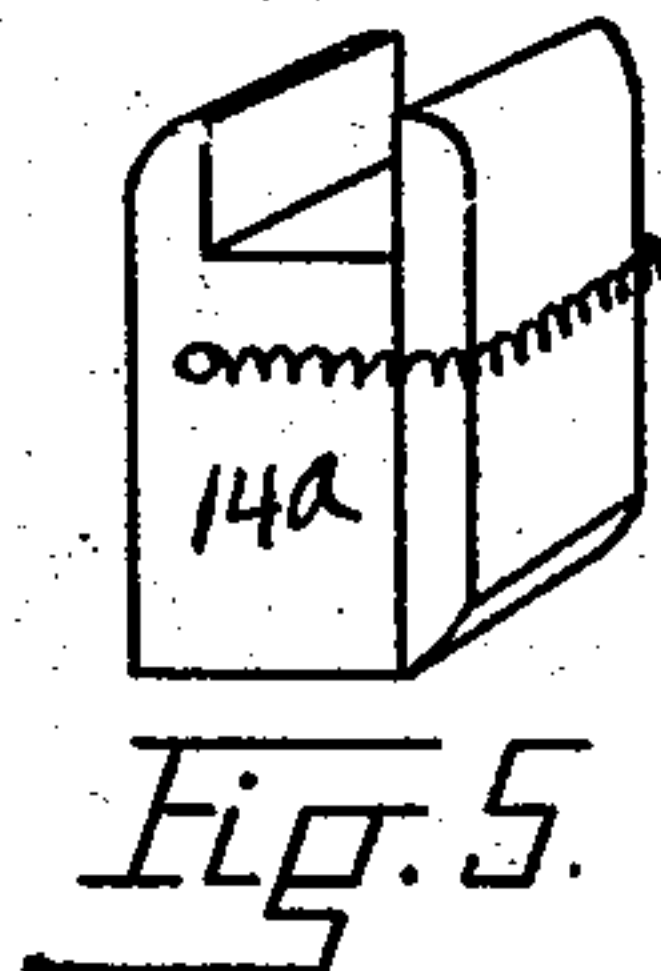
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MICHELE CORSINI, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Denver, in the county of Arapahoe and State of Colorado, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display Cases or Cabinets; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in display cases or cabinets, and is specially designed for exhibiting silverware, as knives, forks, spoons, &c., either in the show window of the jeweler or other dealer, or in any other place where it is desired that these articles should appear to the best advantage.

To this end the invention consists of the features hereinafter described and claimed, all of which will be fully understood by reference to the accompanying drawings in which is illustrated an embodiment thereof.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of the device with the front door open, and the top raised. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal section taken through the case, the front door being open and shown in elevation. Fig. 3 is a vertical section taken through the closed case. Fig. 4 is a horizontal section taken on the line  $x-x$ , Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of one of the spring-blocks used in connection with door of the cabinet.

Similar reference characters indicating corresponding parts or elements in the views, let the numeral 5 designate the back of the case to which are rigidly secured the sides 6, 6, and the bottom 7. The back and sides extend below the bottom and form the support for the case in the rear and at either side, while in front the case is provided with a suitable base board 8. The top 9 is hinged to the back as shown at 10. There are two shelves 12 and 13 supported upon cleats 12<sup>a</sup> and 13<sup>a</sup> which are attached to the sides of the case, and to which the shelves are made fast. The lower shelf 13 occupies an inclined position while the upper shelf is horizontal. These shelves are provided with slotted cross-bars

12<sup>c</sup> and 13<sup>c</sup> respectively, the slots of which form niches for retaining the articles in place which it designed to exhibit in the case.

The front 14 of the case is pivoted to the sides near its lower extremity as shown at 15, whereby it may be opened downward to the position shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The inner surface of this front door is also provided with spring blocks 14<sup>a</sup> which perform the same function as the slotted bars on the shelves 12 and 13. These blocks are grooved at the top, and one side is movable. The movable side is engaged by a coil-spring whose extremities are attached to the adjacent sides of the body of the block. The movable sides of the blocks grasp the articles tightly and hold them in place during the movement of the door, as well as when it is in the upright or closed position.

The shelves, as well as the inner surface of the door and the entire inner surface of the case, should be covered with a lining 16 of silk, satin or similar fabric to protect the articles laid thereon, from being marred or scratched by the material of which the case is constructed. This lining is so attached that it will dip into the niches or slots and grooves formed in the bars and blocks carried by the shelves and door.

The case is provided with a sliding board 17 which engages the back of the case, and has a vertical movement, being provided with tongues 17<sup>a</sup> which engage grooved ways formed in the sides of the case. This sliding board is connected with the door 14 by means of rods 18 whose extremities are hooked into eyes formed in the two parts, namely, the slide and the door. The rods 18 are attached to the door below the pivot 15. Hence as the door is opened, the slide is moved upward.

The slide 17 is provided with a horizontal bar 17<sup>c</sup> which is apertured to receive the articles, as knives, which it is intended it should retain. The opening of the door moves the slide upward sufficiently to place this bar 17<sup>a</sup> above the upper shelf, and therefore in such a position as to make the articles carried thereby, very conspicuous. It will be observed that the top 9 must first be raised preparatory to opening the case. Then as the door 14 is let down, the slide 17 is carried upward and the entire contents of the case exposed to view in



the most conspicuous manner possible. Again, by reversing this operation, the case may be closed, and its contents concealed and protected. It will thus be seen that my improved display cabinet may be used to advantage for exhibiting silverware of all descriptions, as knives, forks, spoons, tea and coffee sets, jewelry of all kinds, manicure and toilet articles and surgical instruments.

10 The case is preferably paneled to prevent the material from warping.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. As an improved article of manufacture, 15 a display cabinet or case consisting of the upright stationary frame, the vertical door pivoted between the sides of the cabinet whose front it is adapted to close, the vertically movable slide engaging grooves formed in the 20 sides of the case and located in close proximity to the back thereof, rods connecting the slide with the door and attached to the latter below the pivotal point, and a horizontal door hinged to the back of the case which it closes 25 above the movable slide, suitable provision being made for connecting the upper extremity of the door with the top of the case when closed, substantially as described.

2. As an improved article of manufacture, a display cabinet or case consisting of a stationary frame provided with shelves adapted to receive and retain articles of the character described, the vertical door pivoted between the sides of the cabinet and provided on its inner surface with spring blocks, and a lining covering the blocks as described and for the purpose set forth, the vertically movable slide carrying a bar apertured to receive articles of cutlery, said slide being received in grooves formed in the sides of the case, and located in close proximity to the back thereof, rods connecting the slide with the door and attached to the latter below the pivotal point, and a horizontal top hinged to the back of the case and adapted to close the case 45 above the movable slide, the construction being such that the hinged top and the pivoted door are connected when the case is closed, and disconnected when the case is open, substantially as described. 50

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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